

Volunteers needed for July 4 event

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's Fourth of July Celebration is right around the corner, and chamber representatives are working hard to bring activities and fireworks to the community that Monday.

"We are in dire need of volunteers the day of the event to secure the Port of Siuslaw area for the fireworks," said cham-

ber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan.

In all, the chamber needs 14 volunteers at various points of the day and evening to help make the event happen.

Hannigan said, "The port has been very generous in sharing its property for fireworks launching. We the Chamber and local community need to provide security to

insure that the clearance area around it is safe."

The fireworks are sponsored by local businesses and community members.

For more details or to donate, contact Hannigan or Events Coordinator Nancy Pearson at the Visitors Center, 290 Highway 101, by calling 541-997-3128 or by going to florencechamber.com.

Food Share expects bountiful harvest



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This year the Florence Food Share garden looks to surpass last year's 10,000-pound record harvest for distribution to local families in need. Executive Director Norma Barton said, "We (recently) harvested 67 pounds of organic snap peas and they went directly to our clients within minutes of harvesting." This year Food Share's Master Gardener Bart Mealer is growing three types of peppers and several tomato varieties in the two greenhouses and broccoli, potatoes, herbs, Swiss chard, beets, carrots, summer squash, winter squash, pole beans and onions in the outdoor raised beds. "This is literally farm to table," Mealer said.

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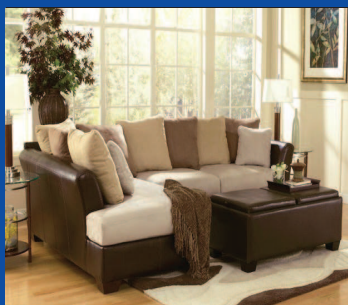


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